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Diarrhea, enteritis, and tuberculosis occupy the first rank in the list of diseases claiming the greatest number of victims.

The death rate in the city is equal to an annual rate of 24.59 per thousand; the island as a whole shows an annual death rate of 19.53, a considerable increase over the preceding month, the death rate of which has been corrected to 18.47, as in the city infantile enteritis has been particularly fatal, being responsible for about 20 per cent of the total number of deaths and claiming 17.70 victims per day.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Precautionary detentions—Scarlet fever

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, September 18, as follows:

During the week ended September 16, 1905, bills of health were issued to 5 vessels, the ultimate destination of which was a port in the United States.

Precautionary detention in quarantine while in this port was observed by the Cuban authorities against the Cuban steamship *Bayamo* from Tampico direct, the Norwegian steamship *Leander* from Mobile, via Habana and Cardenas, and the British schooner *Charlevoix* from Mobile. All of these vessels left for their respective ports of destination in good sanitary condition.

One case of scarlet fever in the district of Versailles, in this city, has been the only contagious disease officially reported during the past week.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Decrease in mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, September 19, as follows:

During the week ended September 16, 1905, bills of health were issued to 8 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

There were only 7 deaths reported last week. I can not account for this sudden and marked decrease in the mortality.

Mortality for the week ended September 16, 1905, 7.

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 8 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

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Reports from Guayaquil—Mortality—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels—Quarantine resumed against Panama on account of plague at La Boca—Mortality for month of August, 1905.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Gomez reports, August 30 and September 8, as follows:

Week ended August 29, 1905:

Present officially estimated population, 60,000. Mortality from all causes 44, as follows: Smallpox, 6; tuberculosis, 5; pernicious fever, 3; paludic fever, 2; infectious fever, 4; enteric diseases, 5; gastric fever, 1; from all other causes, 18.

Two bills of health were issued during the week. August 25, steamship *Santiago*, from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 7 cabin and 9 steerage passengers from here; 3 cabin